



Buddhism

What is Buddhism? Through this unit children will explore the main beliefs of the Buddhist faith. Who is Buddha? What role does he have to play in the religion? They will take a virtual tour around the Buddhist temple, to explore what Buddhist worship look like, the statues and ceremonies that are at the heart of the religion. Mindfulness has been so important to all of us at Manor, through this unit children will dive into the world of Buddhist meditation. What does it look like? How does it help the worshippers to have a clear mind and focus on the good things in life? Colourful celebrations are on the agenda through this unit such as 'The festival of Wesak,' celebrated on the full moon. Children will explore all the images that are related to Buddhism: 'The Lotus Flower' What does this represent? Throughout the unit children will use their creativity to share their new learning. They will be encouraged to share their ideas and beliefs with their peers. They will have the opportunity to create their own questions and lead their own learning.

Sacred Texts

The religious texts are at the very centre of all religious practice. They form the very basis of what the religious groups believe, demonstrate how they should live and give guidance in the acts of worship. So what are they? Where do they come from?

The unit will begin by looking at the Bible: The religious text for Christians. The children will explore examples of how the Bible can teach us to live; 'The 10 Commandments' and 'The Beatitudes'. The children will explore 'The Torah'; one of the Holy books from the Jewish faith. The children will then explore the similarities between the Bible and Torah and the reasons behind this. From there the children will explore the 'Guru Granth Sahib' The holy book for the Sikh religion and The Vedas for the Hindu religion. Towards the end of the topic children will then explore the role of the Qur'an in the Muslim faith. The children will have access to these religion texts to bring the learning to life. They will be able to share their own beliefs and understanding of religious texts they may be familiar with and construct questions to help them explore the similarities and differences with these religious texts.

Denominations

The Christian faith is widely known, however within the Christian faith there are many different denominations. The children will dive into History to discover where the denominations appeared and the events that triggered the divides. The children will begin their journey with exploring Roman Catholicism. The children will handle artefacts to bring their learning to life; rosary beads and the crucifix: the symbols of the Catholic faith. From here children will dive into the history of King Henry VIII and the debate of divorce and the consequential birth of the 'Church of England'. The journey will continue into the role of the 'Baptist Church', a denomination that sprung up with a significant focus on the importance of Baptism. The unit will then continue with an exploration into the role of the 'Methodist Church'; with famous characters John & Charles Wesley influencing and writing the hymns that we still use today. The unit will finish with an investigation into the 'Pentecostal Church' There are many aspects to be explored here, including the focus on the gifts of God. The children will be encouraged to make comparisons, share ideas and beliefs and explore the relationship between Religion and History.

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